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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.

Today

- Marginal risk/isolated severe storms and heavy rain/flash flooding possible for **NE NM, N&W TX, S OK, and W AR**
- Elevated fire weather conditions across much of **NM** into **Far West TX**.

Wednesday

- Marginal risk/isolated severe storms possible for **W TX** into the **TX/OK Panhandles**.

Thursday

- Marginal risk/isolated severe storms possible for **NW OK** into portions of the **TX/OK Panhandles**.

Friday - Saturday

- No significant weather impacts expected.

Tropical Outlook

- A non-tropical area of low pressure over the **E Gulf of Mexico** has not shown signs of increased organization over the past day.
- **NO impacts to FEMA Region 6 are expected**
 - Formation chances in 48 hours...low...20 percent.
 - Formation chances in 5 days...low...30 percent.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 15, 2018 – May 19, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms	NE NM, N&W TX, S OK, W AR	WTX into the TX/OK panhandles	NW OK into portions of the TX/OK Panhandles		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	OK, N & W TX, W AR				
Fire Weather	NM into Far West TX				
Tropical Weather					
River Flooding	AR/LA →				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.
State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

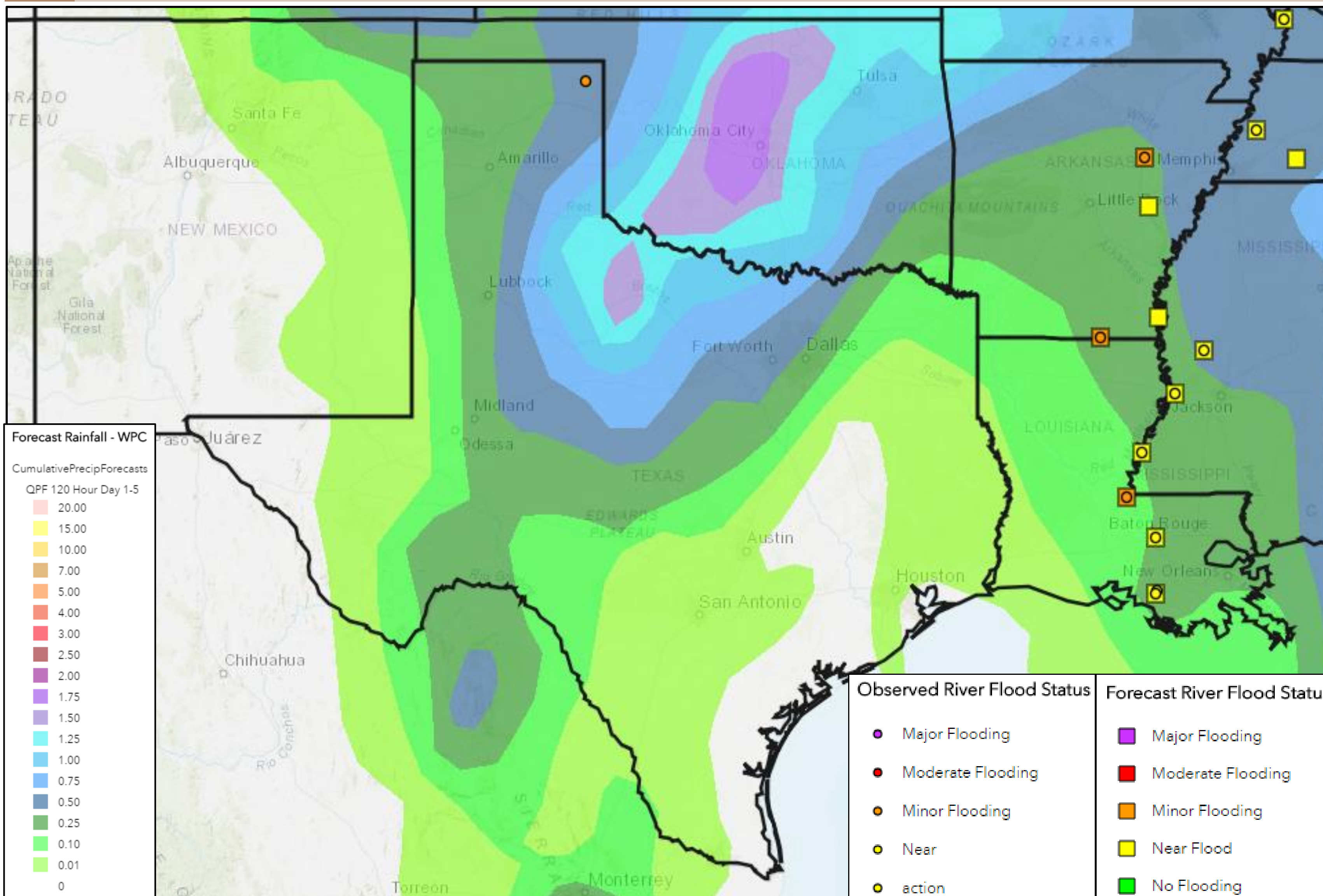
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall

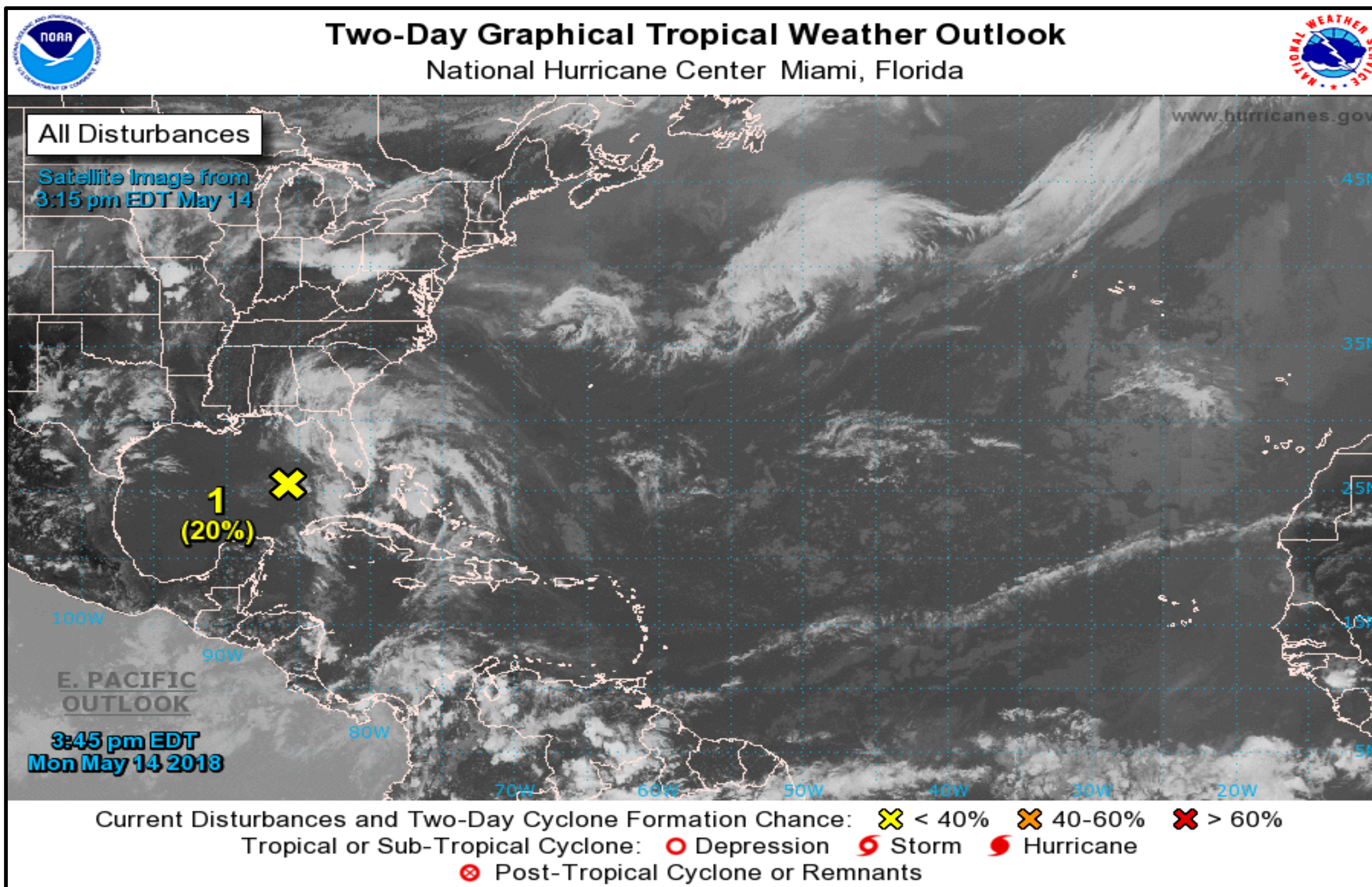
Minor river flooding continues at a few locations in AR and LA.



Tropical Weather Outlook

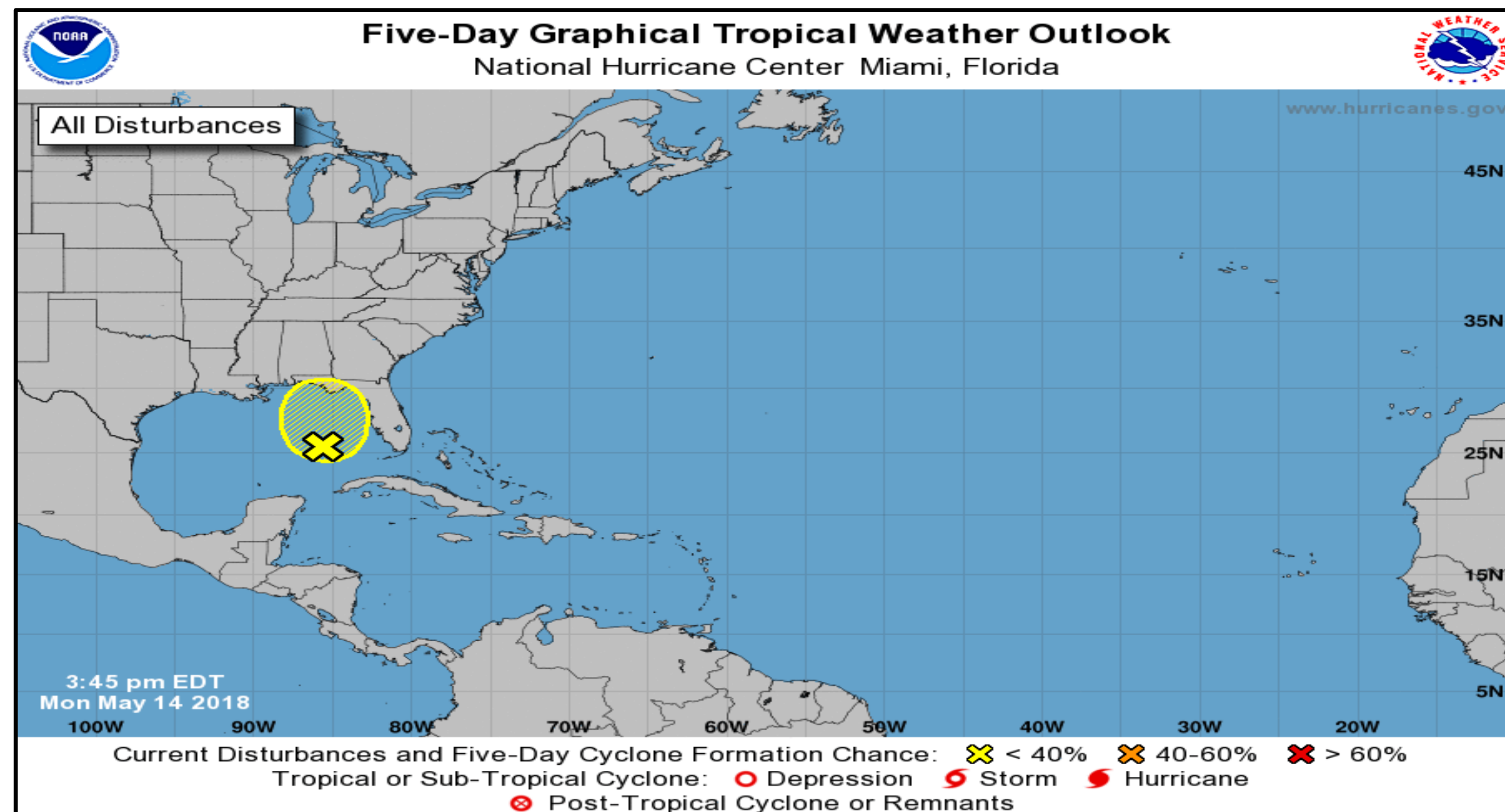


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Potential impacts to FEMA Region 6:
No impacts to FEMA Region 6 are expected.

A non-tropical area of low pressure over the eastern Gulf of Mexico continues to produce showers and thunderstorms across portions of Florida and Georgia but has not shown signs of increased organization over the past 24 hours.
Formation chance through 48 hours...low...20 percent.
Formation chance through 5 days...low...30 percent.

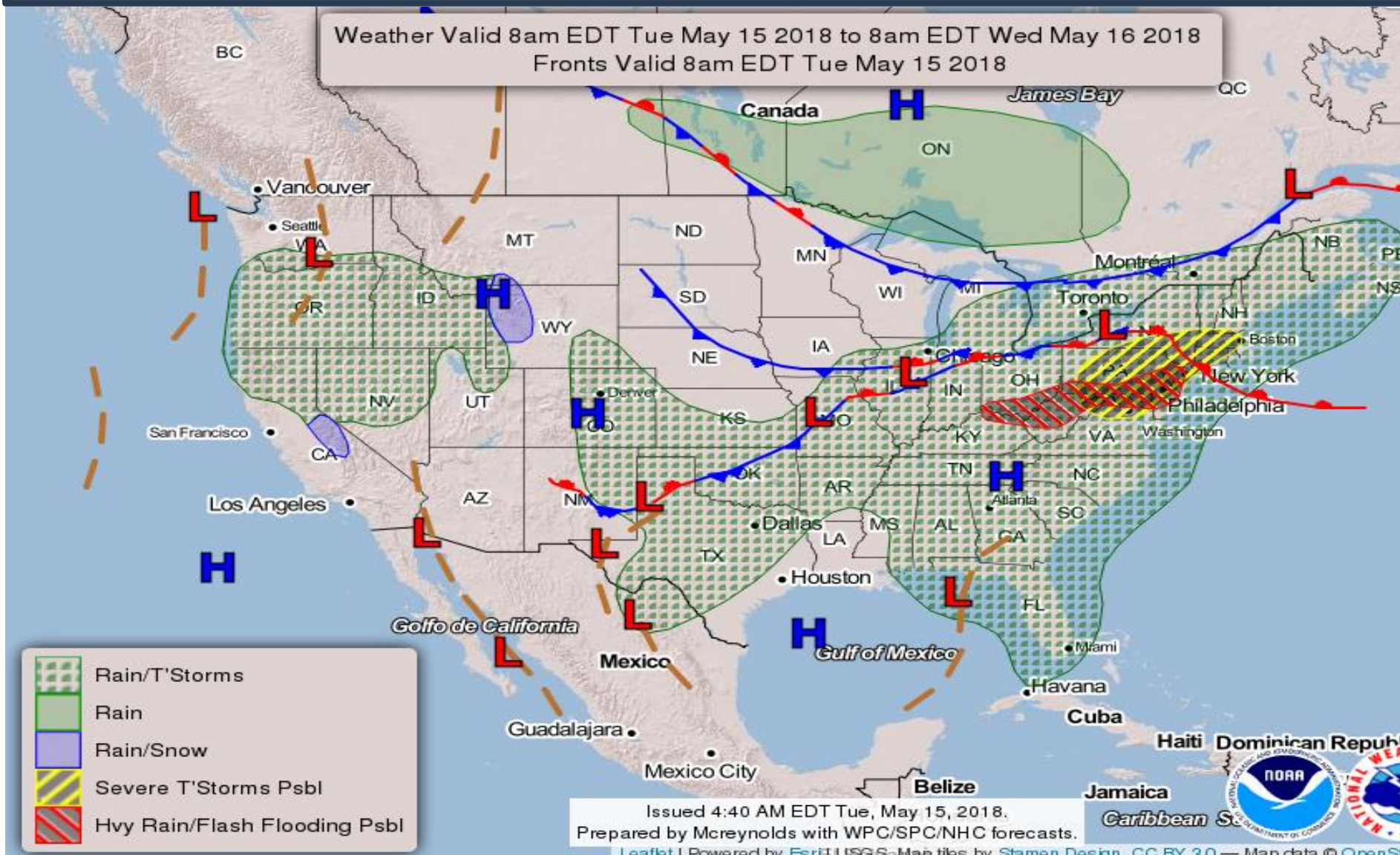


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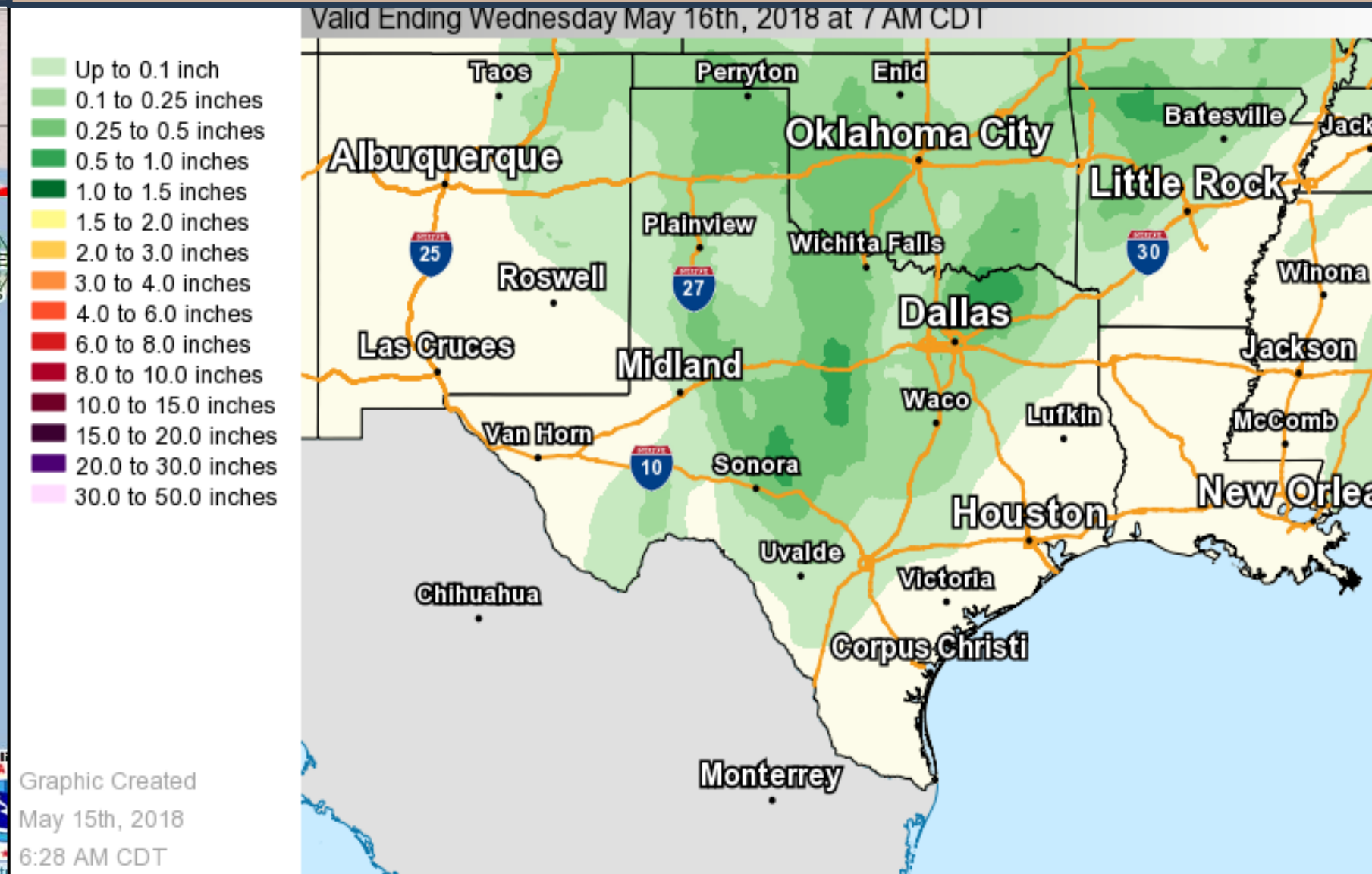


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Forecast Chart



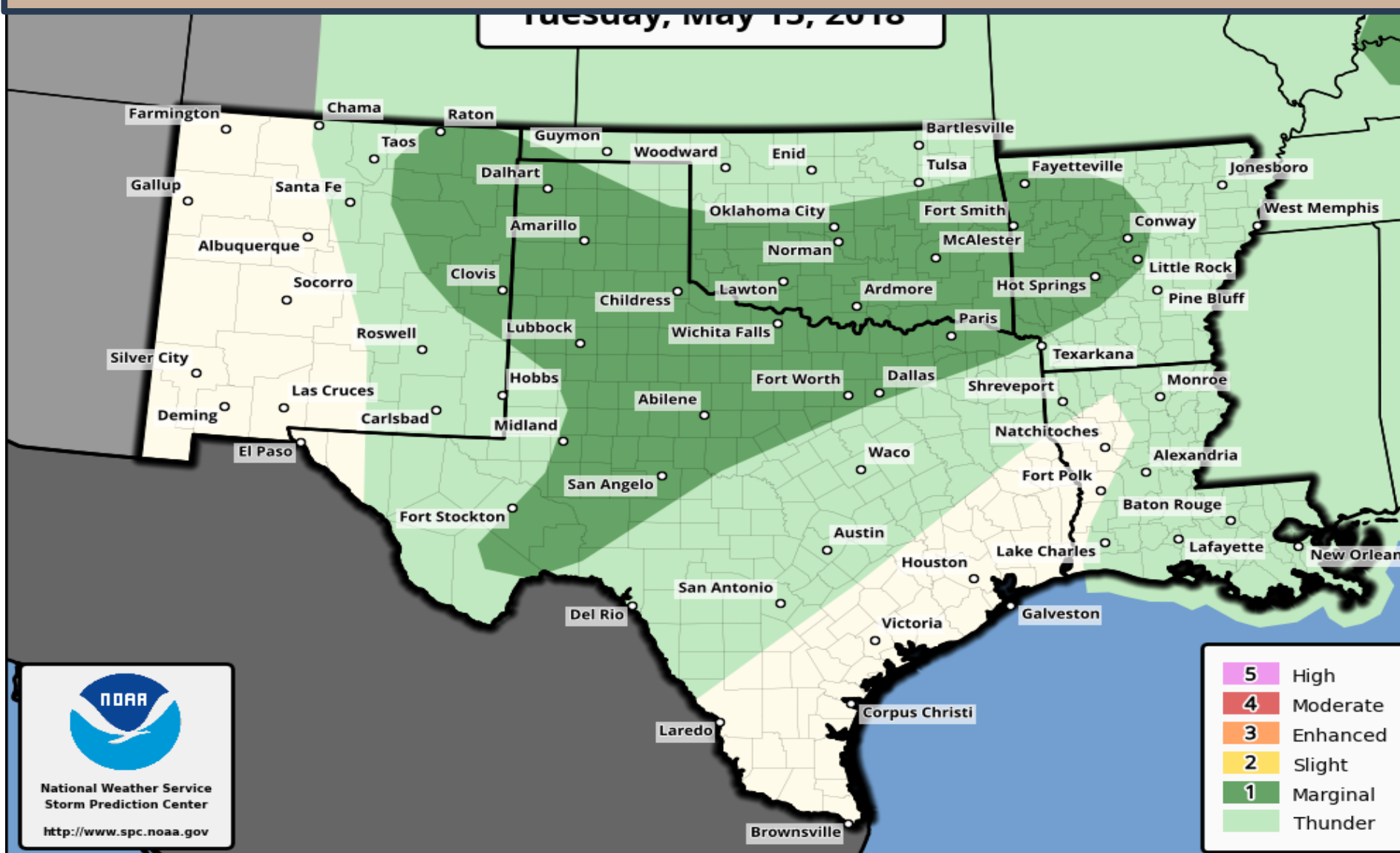
Forecast Rainfall



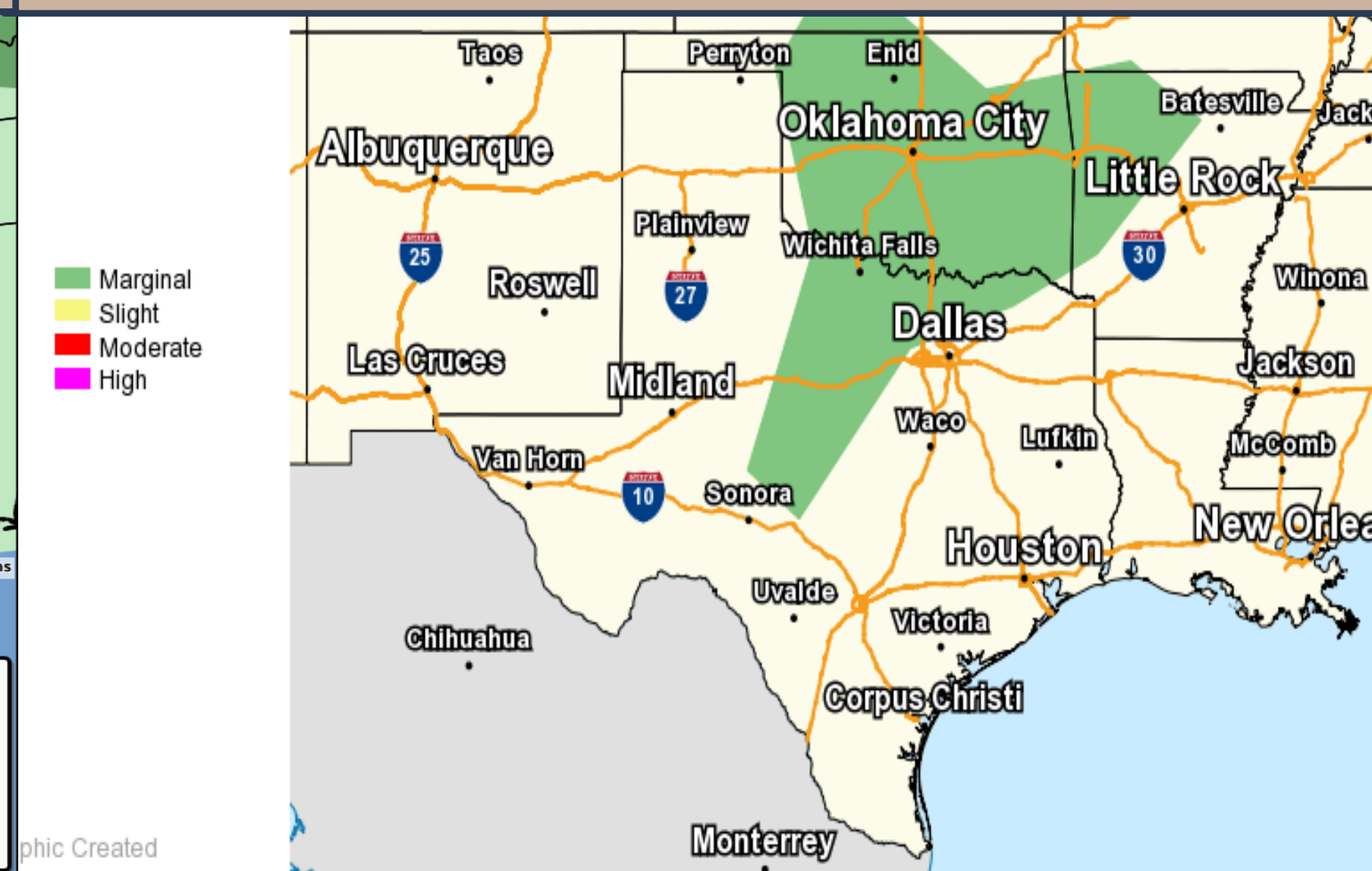
Marginal risk/isolated severe storms possible for NE NM, N&W TX, S OK, and W AR this afternoon and evening. Damaging winds/hail are the primary threats.

Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible over OK, N&W TX, and W AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



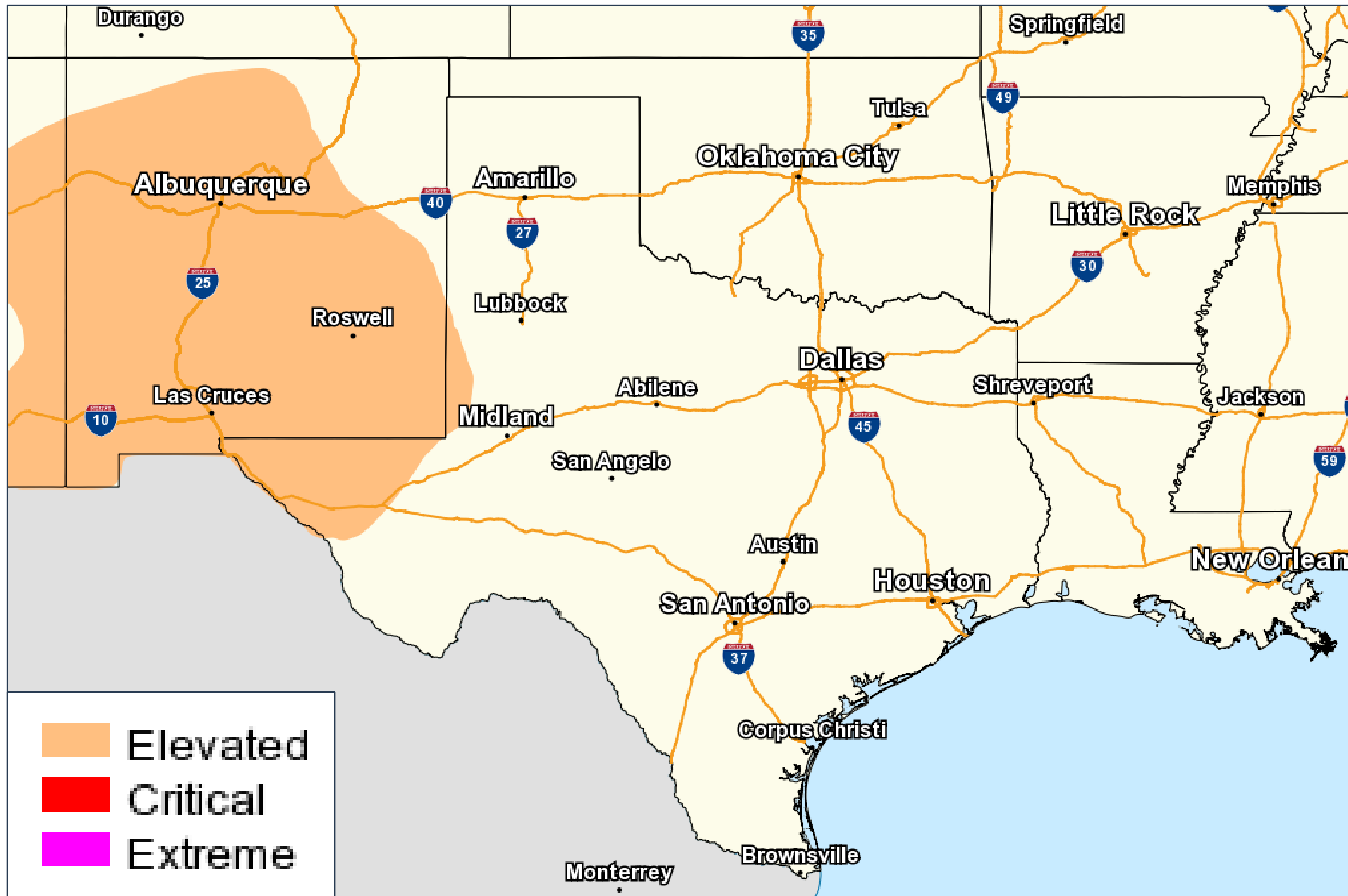
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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Elevated fire weather conditions across much of NM into Far West TX.

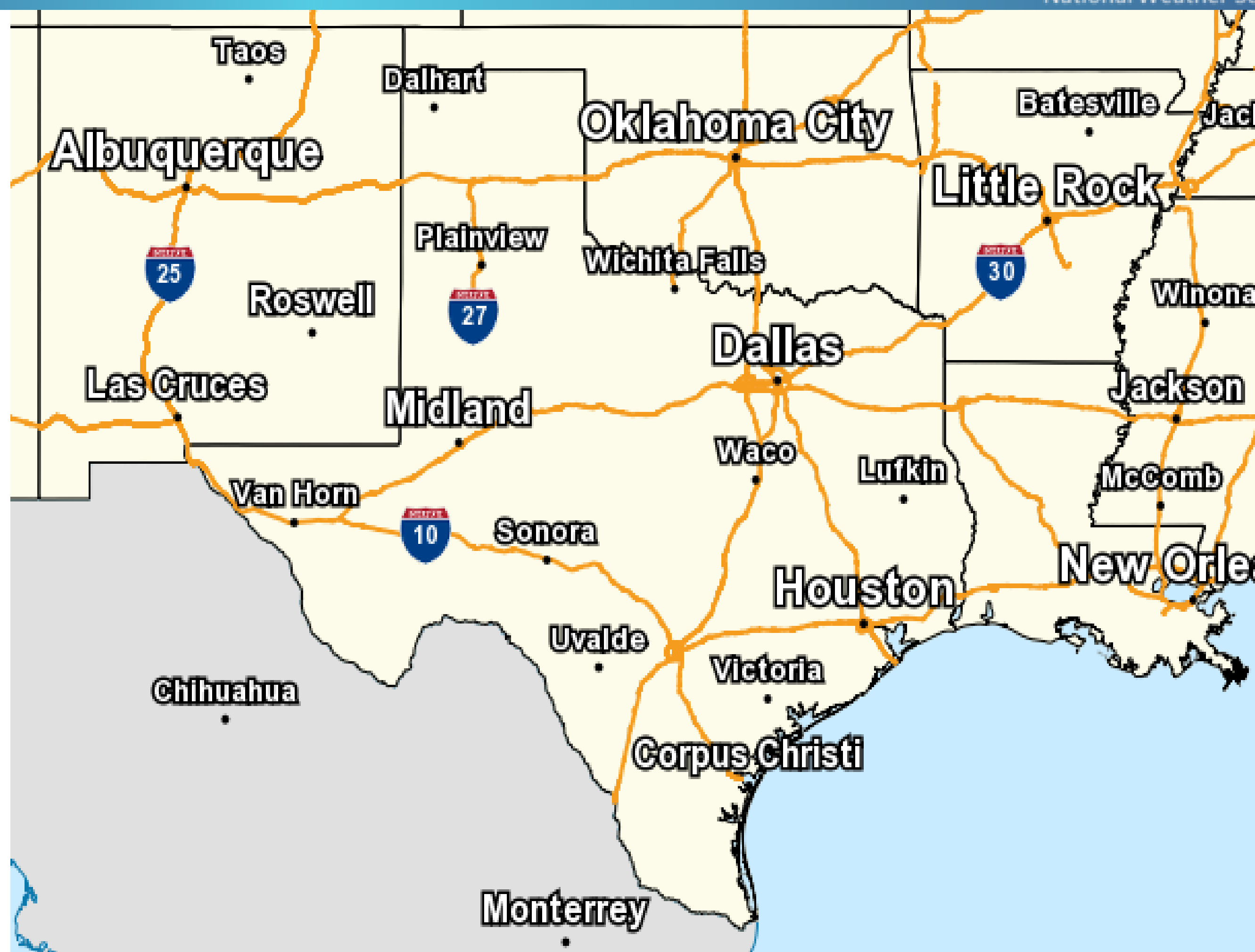
Today's Fire Weather Watches/Warnings



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Fire Weather Watches and Warnings

National Weather Service



There are no Red Flag Warnings or Fire Weather Watches in effect today.

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Tomorrow's Weather

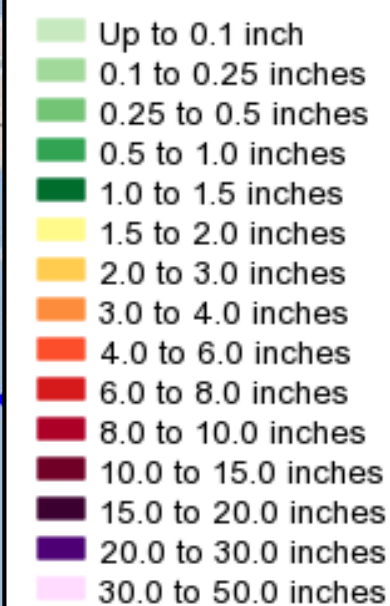
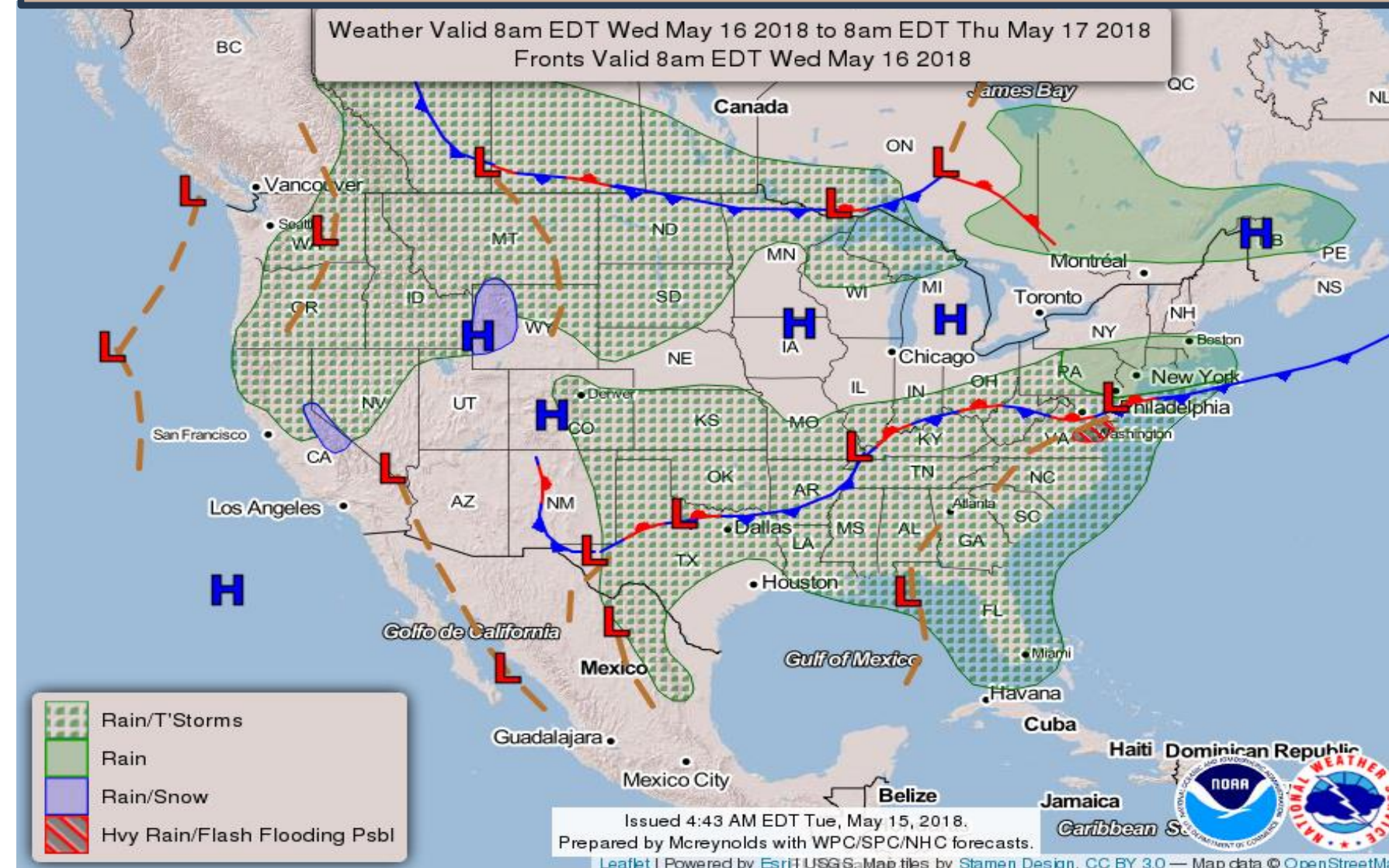


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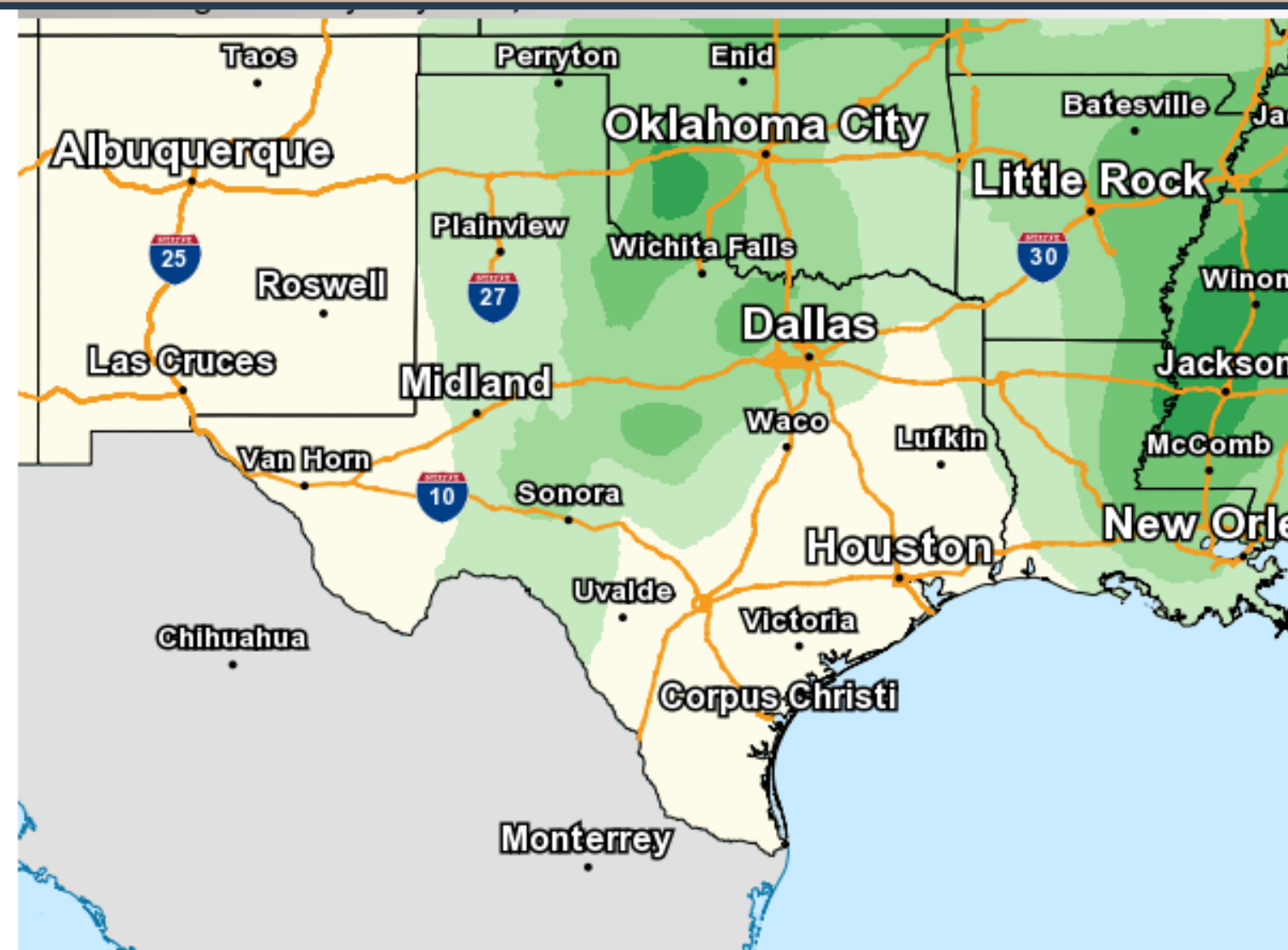
Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

Marginal risk/isolated severe storms possible over W TX into the TX/OK Panhandles. Damaging winds/hail are the primary threats.

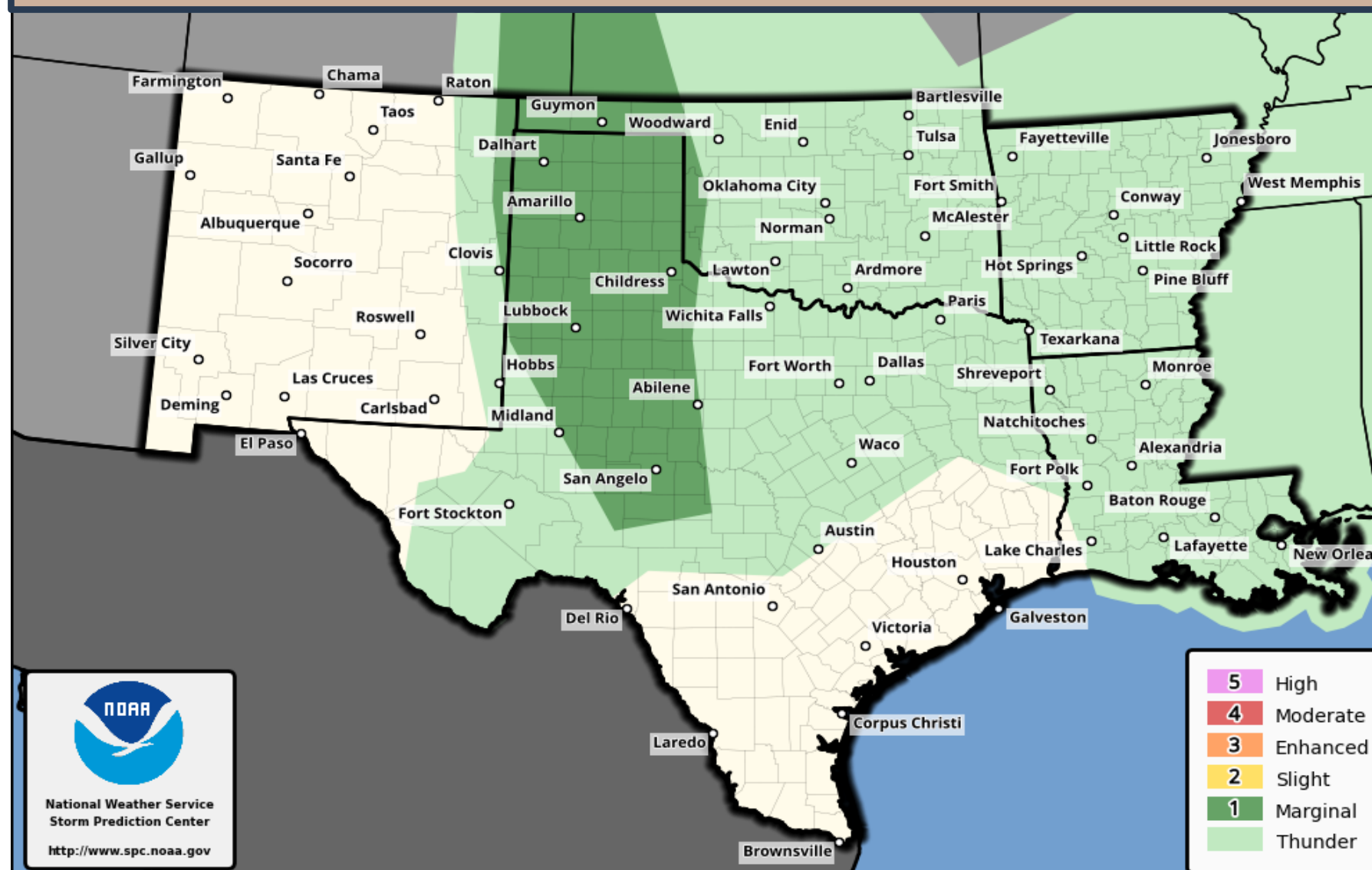


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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



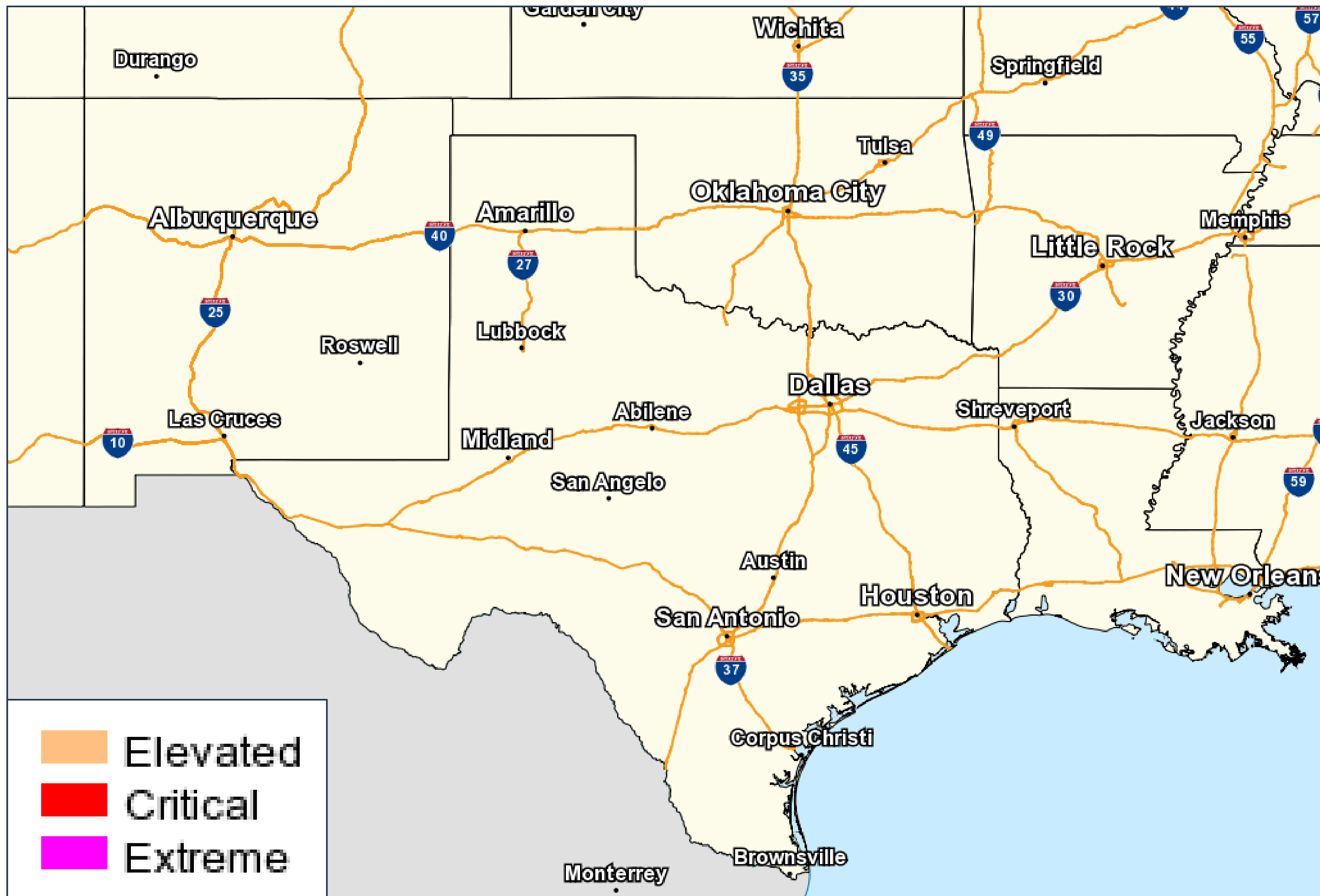
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Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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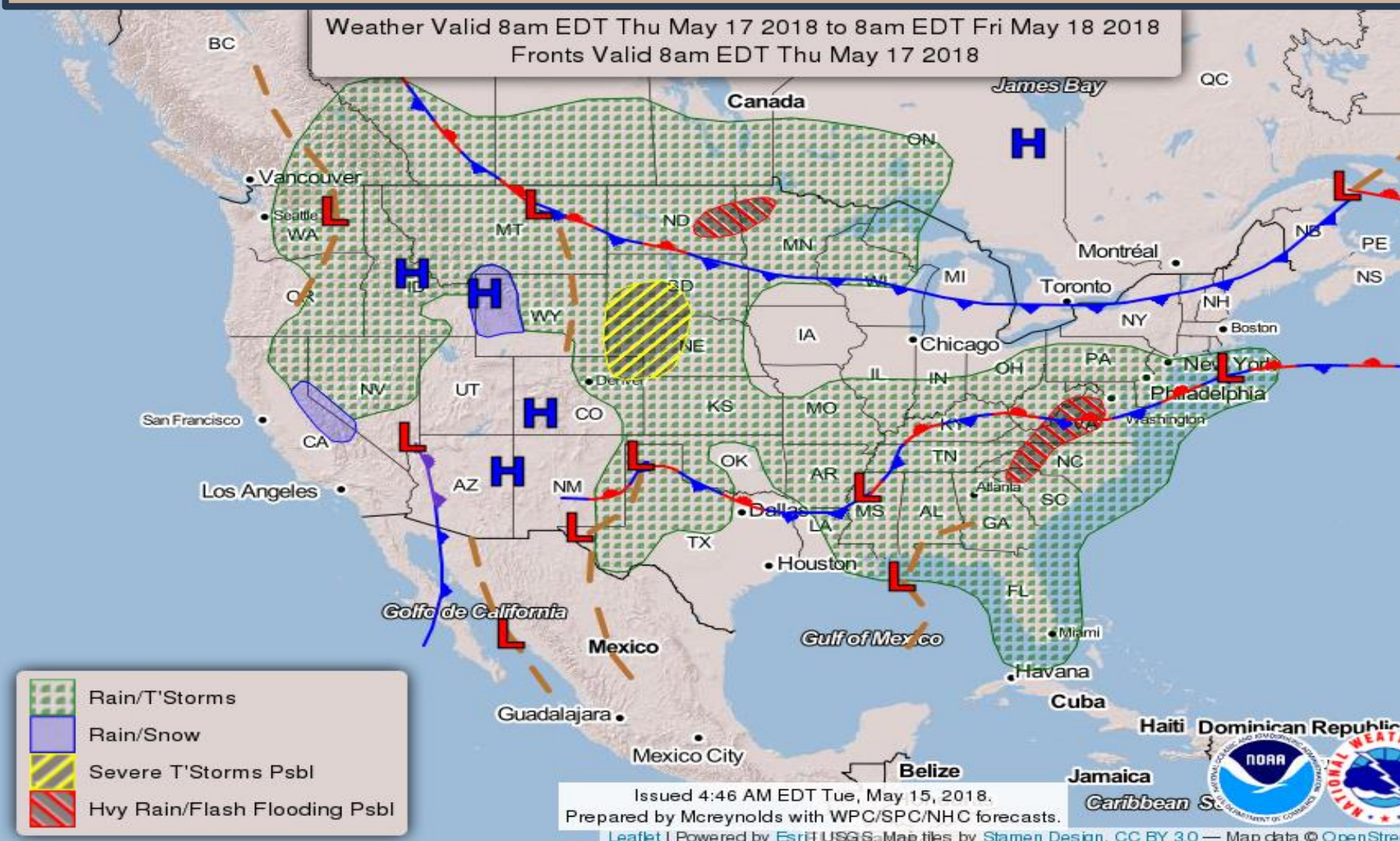
No fire weather concerns tomorrow.

Thursday's Weather

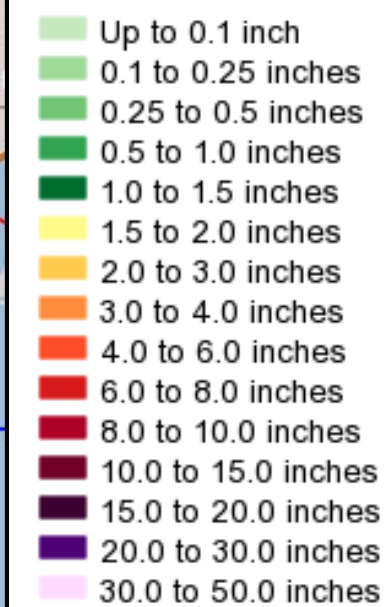


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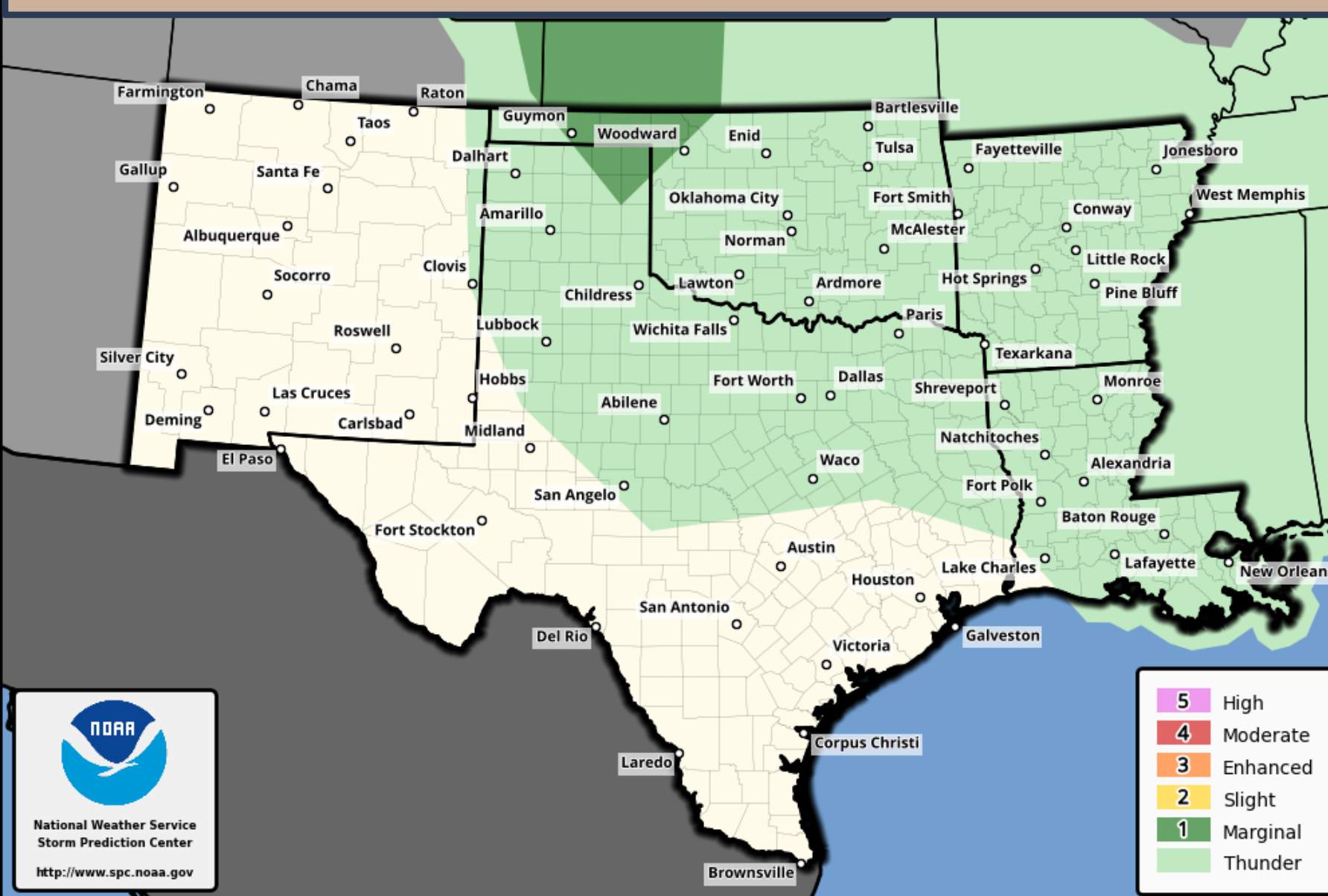


Forecast Rainfall



Marginal risk/isolated severe storms possible over NW OK into portions of the TX/OK Panhandles. Damaging winds/hail are the primary threats.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

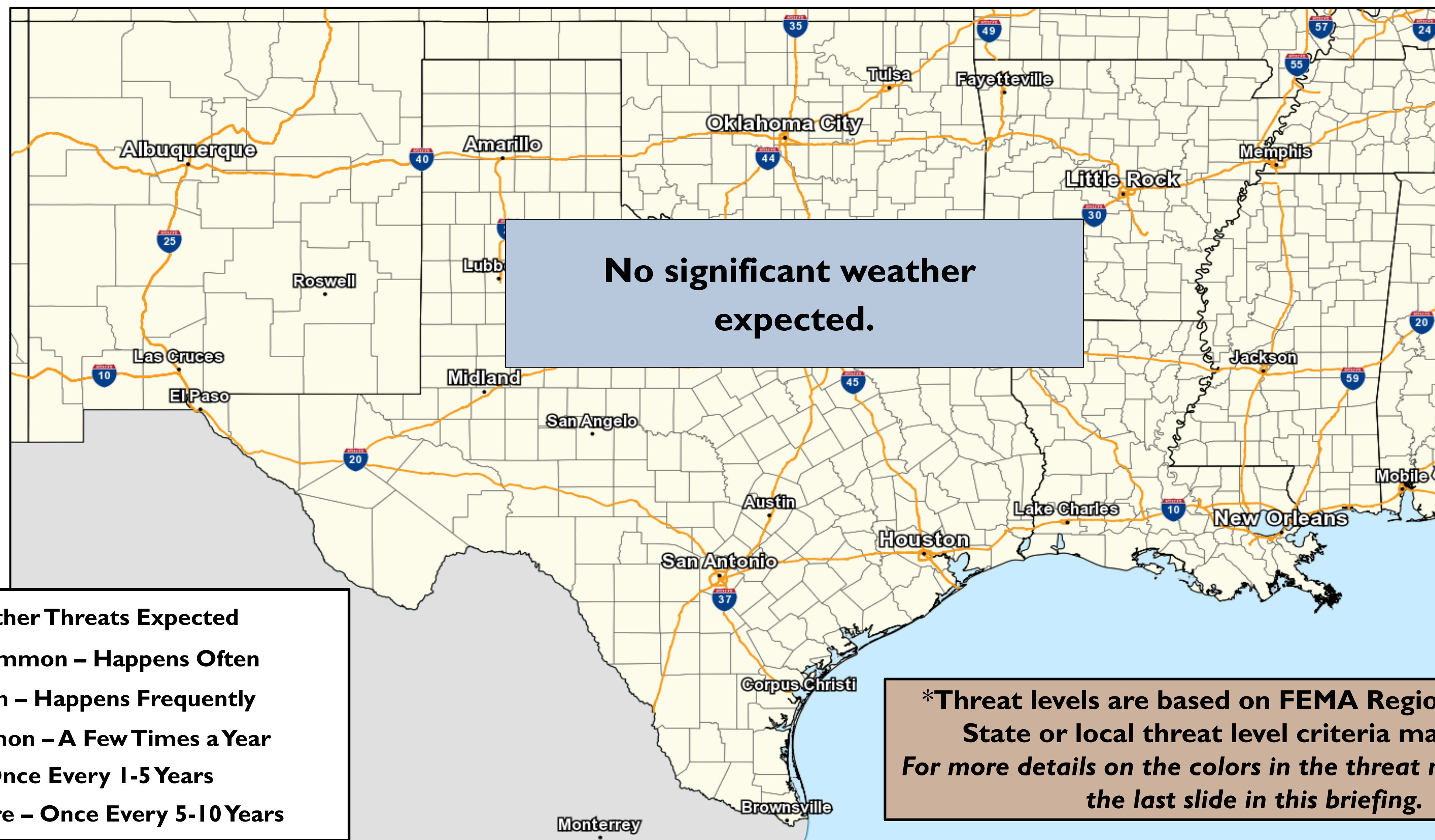


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday - Saturday



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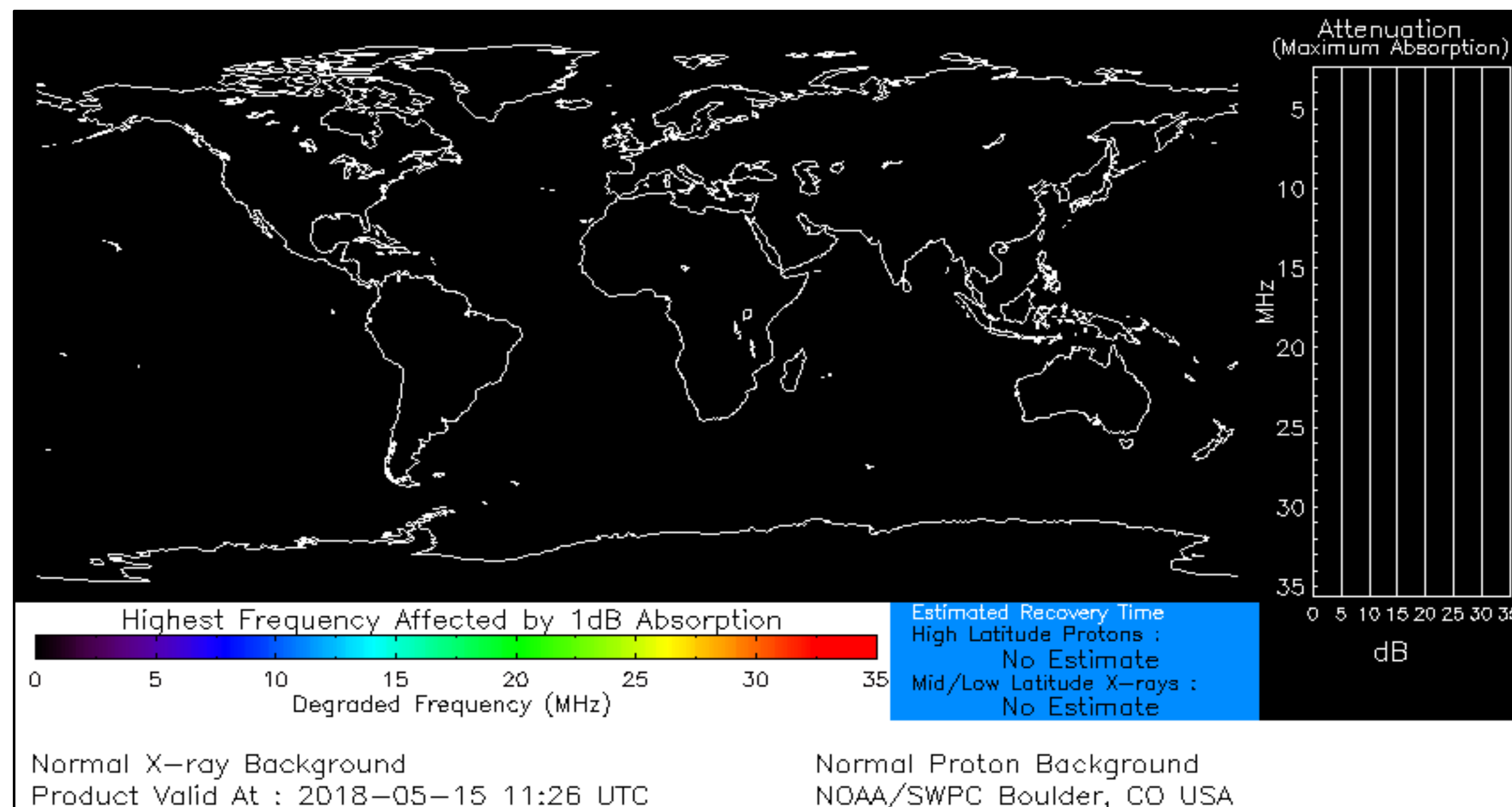


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



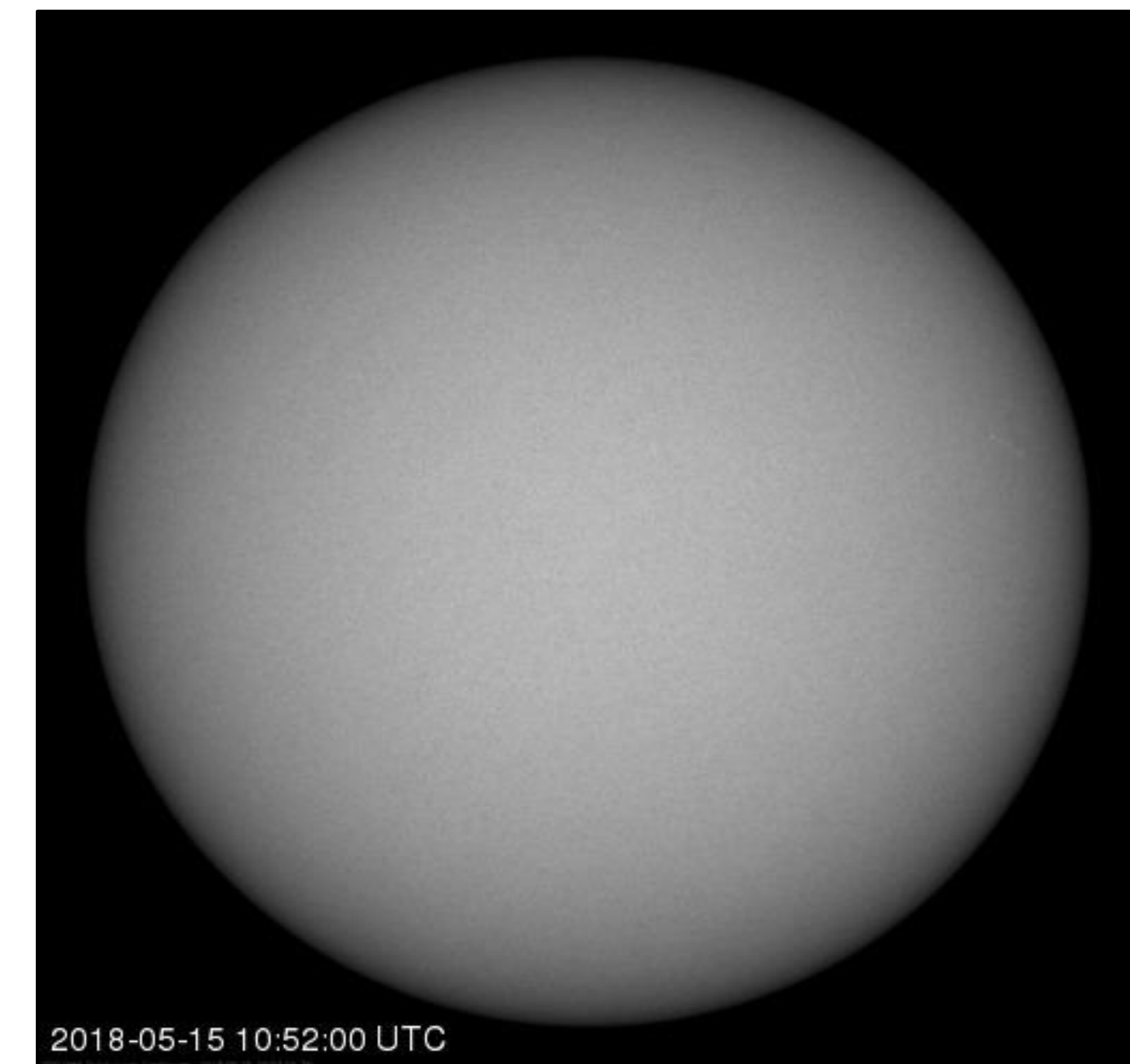
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





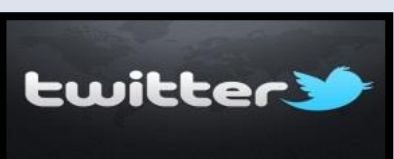
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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